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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Director of Patents and Trademarks P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria. VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136, the applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month to respond to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2006.

Response will therefore be timely if filed with the Patent and Trademark Office no later than May 17, 2006.

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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.17, the required fee of \$120 should be deducted from Deposit Account No. 12-0913.

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